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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SECRETARY KISSINGER MET BRIEFLY WITH PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AT CLOSE OF MORNING GA SESSION, SEPTEMBER 24, AFTER BOTH HAD ADDRESSED GA. DE LA FLOR WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY. MEETING CONTAINED MORE ATMOSPHERICS THAN SUBSTANCE.

2. SECRETARY EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER MEETING DE LA FLOR AND STRESSED THAT WE VALUED OUR LONG FRIENDSHIP WITH PERU AND WANTED WARM AND UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIP DESPITE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US. DE LA FLOR ACCEPTED DIFFERENCES BUT ALSO STRESSED DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS AND SAID WE NEEDED MORE INFORMATION ON EACH OTHER AND BETTER COMMUNICATIONS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE WAS BLUNT IN MANNER AND SAID HE WOULD ALWAYS SPEAK HIS MIND OPENLY AND FORCEFULLY. HE BELIEVED THE SECRETARY WOULD ALSO SPEAK FRANKLY AND FORCEFULLY. SECRETARY ASSURED HIM HE WOULD AND BOTH AGREED THIS WAS THE BEST WAY TO WORK OUT DIFFICULTIES AND MOVE TOWARD COMMON GROUND.

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2. PERUVIAN PERM REP TOLD BENNETT LATER THAT MEETING HAD

BEEN GREAT SUCCESS FROM PERUVIAN POINT OF VIEW. DE LA FLOR HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WITH SECRETARY'S YOUTH AND VIGOR AND HAD WARMED TO HIM PERSONALLY. PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED HIS CHIEF AS SUPER-SENSITIVE AND SAID WE COULD NOT OVERESTIMATE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BRIEF BUT FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER WITH THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE IN INFLUENCING DE LA FOR'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES. PEREZ DE CUELLAR OBSERVED PROUDLY THAT IN TALKING WITH DE LA FLOR, SECRETARY HAD THUS HAD HIS FIRST PRIVATE CONVERSATION AT UN WITH A LATIN AMERICAN. THIS FACT WOULD NOT GO UNNOTICED IN THE HEMISPHERE.
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